

# *Step outside and you may see a...*

## **Red Fox**



### **The Fox Family**

The playful pouncing and wrestling of a red fox kit builds important skills necessary to survive.

In December, mother foxes search for suitable dens with two entrances to serve as nurseries. Kits will be born near the end of April, and families average about 5 to 6 sibling. The kit's first month of life is spent close to its mother in the den. During this time the male fox will bring food to his growing family.

Nearing one month of age, kits will venture outside the den with close supervision from their parents. Each day outside offers new skills and lessons in hunting.

Beginning in the fall, the fox kits will be grown and the family will separate into their own territories to survive alone. December will bring adult foxes together to start a new fox family.

